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SUBJECT: SENATE INQUIRY ON DRUG PRICING

REF: STATE 233152

1. REQUEST IN REFTEL CONCERNING DRUG PRICES DISCUSSED WITH OFFICIALS OF DRUG DIRECTORATE, HEALTH AND WELFARE CANADA, AND WITH MR. GORDON POSTLEWAITE, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA (PMAC) HEADQUARTERED IN OTTAWA. HEALTH AND WELFARE CANADA DOES NOT MAINTAIN PRICING INFORMATION, AND POSTLEWAITE REPLIED THAT QUOTE PMAC OFFICES DO NOT HAVE PRICES ON FILE, OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED IN THE COMMUNITY PHARMACY PRICE BOOK AVAILABLE TO ALL PHARMACIES. THIS LISTS ONLY MANUFACTURERS' PRICES TO THE PHARMACIST OR WHOLESALER ON SMALLER-SIZE, SINGLE-UNIT PURCHASES. MUCH OF THE BULK PURCHASING DONE BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, HOSPITAL BUYING GROUPS, ETC. IS BASED ON PRICE TENDERING SYSTEMS AND STANDING OFFER CONTRACTS UNQUOTE. HOWEVER, HE AGREED TO COMPILE LIST OF CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS OF DRUGS LISTED IN REFTEL AND SUGGESTED EMBASSY WRITE EACH

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ONE DIRECTLY. EMBASSY WROTE ALL 52 FIRMS ON LIST AND IS FORWARDING, UNDER COVER AIRGRAM, SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSES FROM 18 FIRMS. EIGHT FIRMS REPLIED BY SAYING THEY EITHER NO LONGER MANUFACTURE THE SPECIFIC DRUGS OR THAT IT IS NOT THEIR POLICY TO PROVIDE PRICE INFORMATION. BALANCE OF FIRMS DID NOT REPLY.

2. INCLUDED WITH MATERIAL BEING FORWARDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER ARE ALSO FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

A. JULY 1977 DRUG BENEFIT FORMULARY, PARCOST COMPARATIVE DRUG INDEX, PUBLISHED BY MINISTRY OF HEALTH, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

B. JANUARY 1977 EDITION OF COMMUNITY PHARMACY PRICE BOOK, PUBLISHED BY CANADIAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION (CPA) THIS IS LAST EDITION OF THE PRICE BOOK; CPA DISCONTINUED PUBLICATION AS OF JANUARY 1977.

3. GOVERNMENT OF PROVINCE OF QUEBEC PUBLISHES QUEBEC DRUG LIST WHICH IS SIMILAR TO ONTARIO DRUG BENEFIT FORMULARY. A NEW PRINTING IS IN PROCESS AND COPIES WILL BE AVAILABLE ABOUT DECEMBER 15.

4. FOR CONVERSION PURPOSES, AS OF NOVEMBER 22, CANADIAN DOLLARS 1.1025 EQUAL ONE U.S. DOLLAR. ENDERS

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